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DEVELOPMENT AND MODERNISATION OF POWERLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in the development and modernisation of the Powerloom Sector during the last three years and thereafter;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(c) the production and exports of handloom textile potential likely to be increased due to such development and modernisation during the Eleventh Plan period?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a)&(b)Yes sir. The Government of India has given a thrust for development and modernisation of the powerloom sector through various Schemes like Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), Group Workshed Scheme (GWSS), Integrated Powerloom Cluster Development Scheme (IPCDS) etc. The year-wise details of powerlooms set up since 2004 is as follows:

Year	No. of Powerlooms
2004-05	19,02,953
2005-06	19,43,892
2006-07	19,90,308
2007-08	20,97,941

(Till February, 2008)

The details of total cloth production by Powerloom Sector are as follows:

Year	Total Production	Production on Powerloom	%age of Powerloom over total production	%age increase over previous year
	Total Production	Powerloom Production		
2004-05	45378	28325	62%	7% 5%
2005-06	49577	30626	62%	9% 8%
2006-07	53389	32879	62%	8% 7%

The developmental programme and schemes of the Government has given an impetus to the powerlooms sector. The different category of looms installed under modernisation and strengthening of the decentralised powerlooms sector during the last year are as follows:

Types of looms installed	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Total
Semi-Automatic Loom	3569	2811	2752	9132
Automatic Loom	2055	2878	1631	6564
Shuttleless Loom	4849	6367	5184	16400
TOTAL	10473	12056	9567	32096

(c)For the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the handloom production has been projected as follows:

Year	Production Projection for Handlooms

	(Million Sq. Mts.)
2007-08	7865
2008-09	8788
2009-10	9828
2010-11	10985
2011-12	12298

In absence of any separate code for the handloom products, export trend is not available since April 2003.